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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF)
RESOURCE COUNCILS, *et al.*,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

U.S. BUREAU OF LAND)
MANAGEMENT,)

Defendant, and)

STATE OF WYOMING,)

Intervenor Defendant.)
_____)

Case No. 4:20-cv-00076-BMM-JTJ

**FEDERAL DEFENDANTS'
NOTICE OF INTENT TO MOVE
FOR REMAND**

In lieu of filing a reply brief in support of their cross-motion for summary judgment, Federal Defendants hereby provide notice that they intend to move for remand, without vacatur, of the decisions approving the 2019 Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments (ARMPA) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEIS) prepared by the United States Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Miles City Field Office and Buffalo Field Office.

The BLM prepared theses ARMPAs and SEISs in light of this Court's previous orders in *W. Org. of Res. Councils v. U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt. (WORC II)*, No. CV 16-21-GF-BMM, 2018 WL 1475470 (D. Mont. Mar. 26, 2018) (Morris, J.), and *W. Org. of Res. Councils v. U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt. (WORC III)*, No. CV 16-21-GF-BMM, 2018 WL 9986684 (D. Mont. Jul. 31, 2018) (Morris, J.). As briefing has proceeded in this case, however, the BLM has determined that it is appropriate to re-examine the challenged decisions and environmental analyses, and prepare new, supplemental analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act, for the Miles City and Buffalo ARMPAs. *See* Declaration of Kimber Leibhauser (Exhibit 2) ¶ 4; Declaration of Theresa M. Hanley (Exhibit 2) ¶ 4. To that end, the BLM intends to move for remand, without vacatur, of the decisions approving the ARMPAs on or before March 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of February, 2022.

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